



WV Make It Shine

Shining School Award Program

The WV Make It Shine Program is proud to sponsor the **WV Make It Shine Shining School Awards**. These awards are given annually to schools which demonstrate environmental awareness, stewardship and participate in environmental education. All public and private schools in West Virginia are eligible for this award and only the ten highest scoring applications meeting the program requirements will be recognized each year.

Requirements

To receive the Shining School Award, schools **must** participate in each of the following environmental activities:

Recycling: The school **must** participate in a school or community recycling project. Items recycled can include, but are not limited to glass, aluminum, plastics or paper.

Beautification: The school **must** conduct a project on school grounds that enhances the natural beauty of the surroundings. Projects may include painting, landscaping, addition of an outdoor classroom or nature trail, etc.

Cleanup: The school **must** participate in a litter cleanup project. The project can take place on school grounds, an adjoining stream, athletic fields or parking lots. For safety reasons, cleanups along heavily traveled roadways will not be accepted unless they are being conducted by an officially recognized WV Adopt-A-Highway or Adopt-A-Spot Program group and following all safety guidelines set forth by that program.

Application and Judging Information

- **All requirements must be met between September 1, 2004 and April 15, 2005.**
- Schools seeking consideration must submit the enclosed application for judging. Detailed reports of environmental activities and projects with accompanying pictures are required in addition to the application as they will provide the judges with valuable insight into why your school should be chosen for this award.
- Applications must be received no later than April 25, 2005. Late applications will not be considered.
- If your school is chosen as an award winner, A DNR District Environmental Coordinator will come to the school for an on-site inspection. A representative of the school should be available at this time to answer any questions regarding the school's environmental programs.

The Award

Schools that are chosen and pass inspection will be presented a framed certificate signed by the Governor and a banner acknowledging them as a Shining School Award winner. The certificate and banner will be presented at the school by the DNR District Environmental Coordinator at a time of your choosing.

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2004/2005 Shining School Award Application

I. School Information (5 Points)

School Name: _____

County: _____

Principal: _____

Contact Person (if different): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Number of Students: _____

School Mascot: _____

II. Requirements (75 Points)

To be eligible for the award, schools must meet all three requirements and pass an on-site inspection by their DNR District Environmental Coordinator. Please complete each of the following sections carefully and completely. Remember, a more detailed description of your activities is required as a separate report.

A. Recycling (25 Points)- Please provide a brief description of your school's recycling program. The description must include the following:

- Type of material recycled.
- Amount of material recycled from September 1, 2004 to April 15, 2005.
- Number of participants.
- Was your program profitable? If so, how much money was earned and how was it used?

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- Where was the work done?
- What type of work was done?
- When was the project completed?
- How many people participated?
- Did your project include planting native wildflowers? If so, what species?

C. Cleanup (25 Points)- Please provide a brief description of your school's cleanup project(s). Your summary must include:

- Location of cleanup and why site was chosen.
- Date of cleanup.
- Number of participants.
- Amount of litter collected
- Amount of recyclables recovered.
- Was the cleanup an annual event or a one-time project?

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III. Other (20 Points)

The WV Make It Shine Program is interested in all of your school's environmental activities. Please use the space below to describe any environmental activities that your students participate in that are not a requirement of the Shining School Award. You may also list previous awards, environmental clubs, classes offered, etc., that indicate your school's commitment to the environment. Additional activities and projects will enhance your overall score. **Schools that have an active WV Youth Environmental Program group will receive 10 bonus points.**

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How Can We Do More?

Good question, now here's the answer. The WVDNR's Environmental Resources Section administers many programs to help students become more environmentally aware. If your school is interested in obtaining information about:

- Earth Day at the Capitol
- WV Make It Shine Statewide Cleanup
- WV Youth Environmental Program
- WVDNR Recycling Program
- Adopt-A-Highway (age 12 and over)
- Adopt-A-Spot (no age limit)
- Operation Wildflower

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